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SUBJECT: FURTHER FSLN ACTIVITIES

1. SINCE THE FSLN ATTACKS ON THE NATIONAL GUARD IN MID-OCTOBER, FURTHER MINOR INCIDENTS OF FSLN ACTIVITY HAVE ACCURRED IN THE NORTH AROUND THE AREA OF OCOTAL. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL REPORTS OF A WELL ARMED, COMBAT, UNIFORMED GROUP OF ABOUT FORTY GUERRILLAS OPERATING IN THAT AREA. THE NATIONAL GUARD (GN) WHICH SENT REINFORCEMENTS TO THE AREA FOLLOWING THE OCTOBER 13, FSLN AMBUSH NEAR OCOTAL HAS HAD NO APPARENT SUCCESS IN LOCATING THE SANDINISTAS.

2. THE GON IS APPARENTLY DISPLEASED WITH THESE CONTINUING REPORTS OF FSLN ACTIVITIES AND THE GN'S LACK OF SUCCESS. THIS WAS INDICATED ON NOVEMBER 17, WHEN THE GN COMMANDER OF OCOTAL, COL. CARLOS GUTIERREZ, WAS REPLACED BY COL. CESAR BRICENO.

3. THE OCOTAL REGION IS EXTREMELY MOUNTAINOUS, AND THE LACK OF GN SUCCESS MAY BE BECAUSE OF THE TERRAIN. HOWEVER, GN SOURCES INDICATE THE OCOTAL FORCES HAVE ORDERS TO REMAIN IN THE CITY. WHETHER THE CHANGE IN COMMANDERS WILL LEAD TO AN INCREASED ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND CONFRONT THE GUERRILLAS REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

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4. COMMENT: WHAT MAY BE OCCURRING IN THE OCOTAL AREA IS A STRATEGIC WAITING GAME. THE FSLN OBJECTIVE MAY BE TO TAKE THE GN HEADQUARTERS, AS THEY ATTEMPTED IN SAN CARLOS AND MASAYA. TO DO THIS THEY WOULD LIKELY TRY TO DRAW THE GN TROOPS AWAY FROM THEIR HEADQUARTERS WITH DIVERSIONARY ACTIVITIES AND SET AMBUSHES AS THEY DID SUCCESSFULLY ON OCTOBER 13. THE GN COUNTER-STRATEGY WOULD BE TO FORCE THE FSLN TO ATTEMPT TO ASSAULT THE HEADQUARTERS WHILE IT IS FULLY DEFENDED.

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